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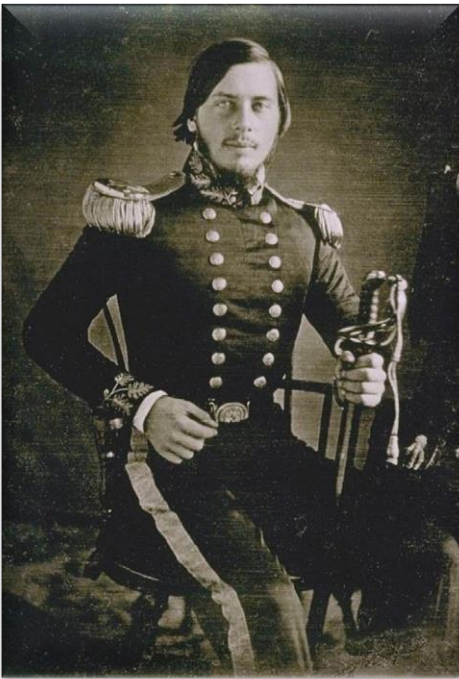
A Series on the “Delta Narratives” Project Did George H. Derby Destroy the Delta?

Dr. Gregg Camfield

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12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

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Lt. George H. Derby
1823 - 1861

As transportation nodes, cities at the mouths of deltas often become cultural centers. In contrast to other deltas, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta lacks cultural prominence, a hurdle that may be keeping the largest estuary on the West Coast of the Americas from becoming a notable travel and tourist destination.

In this segment of the “Delta Narratives” project, Dr. Gregg Camfield discusses his theory using as his guides both the evolutionary history of the region and, more importantly, the writings of one George Horatio Derby, a 19th Century lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers and an early California humorist. Dr. Camfield will explore how historical literature may have affected the perception of the Delta as a vibrant community, setting the stage for what he believes is a region that is both an undiscovered jewel and culturally inconspicuous.

The “Delta Narratives” project is funded by the Delta Protection Commission. For more information on the Delta Narratives Project, please visit http://www.delta.ca.gov/Delta_Narratives.htm.